

# St. Thomas Aquinas

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September 22nd 2024 | Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## SUNDAY MASSES

**ENGLISH:** Saturday—5:00 pm | Sunday—9:00am | 12:00 pm | 6:00 pm  
**ITALIAN:** Sunday—10:30 am  
**ESPAÑOL:** Sunday—2:00 pm

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday to Saturday 9:00am | First Fridays - 7:00 pm

## CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 4:00pm or by appt

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12: 00 pm, Saturdays from 8:00am to 6:00  
pm and Sundays 8:00 am to 7:00 pm.  
**FOOD BANK:** Tuesdays & Saturdays at 12:00 pm

*Welcome to St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, where unity embraces diversity in the one and same Catholic faith.  
Together, we are the salt of the earth and the light of the world.  
Come, worship with us today!*

## September 21<sup>st</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> 2024 MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, September 21<sup>st</sup> — St. Matthew

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh/ +Harold,  
+Yvonne & +John Way/ +Johnny Jongay Jr./ +Joebie  
Masangkay/ +Geraldyn Capistrano/ +Danny Jongay

### SUNDAY, September 22<sup>nd</sup>

9:00 am +Luisa Marchione/ +Francia Gallego/ +Digna  
Desarno

10:30 am +Mario Trevisan

12:00 pm +Juana Irene Ramos, +Albenia Alfaro, +Tito  
Iraheta/ Bendiciones en el cumpleaños de Rev Pious Mal-  
liar/ +Cristobal Baez/ +Isaac Porras/ +Luisa De Baez  
6:00 pm +Anita & Rudy Peralta/ +Rolando Punto/  
+Domingo Reyes/ +Violeta Reyes/ +Rolando Reyes/

### MONDAY, September 23<sup>rd</sup> — St. Padre Pio

9:00 am +Peter Andersen & +Vincent Tuong/ +Giovanni  
Toffolo/ +Luis Hernan Ortiz/ + Tito Iraheta/ Thanksgiving  
for the anniversary of ordination of Rev. Priest Ruggiero

Dibenedetto/ Birthday blessings upon Karen Manzano de  
Calix, Miriam Irazu Garcia, Gloria Estela Marroquin

### TUESDAY, September 24<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am +Vito & Michele & Maria Nicola Ferrante/  
+Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh+Antonella Fava/  
Birthday blessings upon Rev. Priest Gerardo Lagartilla

### THURSDAY, September 26<sup>th</sup> — Sts. Cosmas and Damian

9:00 am +Cecilia Cha, +Manuela Coton de Ixcaragua

### FRIDAY, September 27<sup>th</sup> — St. Vincent de Paul

9:00 am +Adriana Sanabria/ Birthday blessings upon Nelly  
Yamileth Aguilar

### SATURDAY, September 28<sup>th</sup> — St. Lorenzo Ruiz

9:00 am +Vincent Nguyen & +Maria Dinh



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# THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

## From the Pastor's Desk!

Dear parishioners of STA Parish, I wonder if you are familiar with the phrase, "Servus Servorum Dei", literally "Servant of the Servants of God". Pope Gregory I (I is pronounced "the First") used the expression in the late sixth and seventh centuries to indicate that those in authority are called to serve others and not themselves. In our Gospel reading of this 25th Sunday (Mark 9.30-37), Jesus admonishes his disciples who were caught up in the dark web of power as follows: "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all". Happy Sunday and I pray you have a great start to the week!

## Thanksgiving Food Drive

Help our Parish show gratitude by supporting our Thanksgiving Food Drive! We're collecting nonperishable items like pasta, tuna, beans, spaghetti, and canned soup until Thanksgiving weekend. Your generosity makes a big difference. Thank you!

## Thank you for your generosity!

*Regular Collection—September 15, 2024*  
\$ 5,352.00



**Paperless Sunday Giving!** Please support your parish by easy online donation which keeps track of everything for tax receipt purposes. Thank you for your generosity!

## STA Youth Days!

The STA Youth Group is pleased to announce STA Youth Days, an afterschool program for ages 11-18! Starting this October, we invite youth to fun, food and faith from Tuesdays to Fridays, 3-7pm, for only \$15/month! For more info, email [BAmino@archtoronto.org](mailto:BAmino@archtoronto.org) or check out what we do on our Instagram page at [@sta.youthministry!](https://www.instagram.com/sta.youthministry/) Register now and scan here ->



## Prayer Request from Parish Pilgrims to Mexico

From Saturday, 21st to Friday, 27th, our parish representatives will visit Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico. Please keep them and Fr. Patrick in your prayers.

## BIG NEWS! ARCHBISHOP LEO VISITS STA PARISH!

Our new Archbishop, His Grace Francis Leo will visit Sunday, **December 1st**, to preside over the solemn trilingual Mass at 12pm, followed by a parish hall reception. We warmly welcome our chief Pastor as he gets to know this fragment of his flock. More information will follow!

## Novena to St. Michael the Archangel.

Our Archbishop Francis Leo invites our parishioners to this year's Novena to our Archdiocesan patron Saint from September 20th to 28th. Please join us every day at the end of the Mass. If you cannot be physically present, you may access the prayers from the Archdiocese website. Let us pray together for the powerful protection of St. Michael the Archangel.

## Thank you for being a good steward!

On this stewardship Sunday, I join my voice to that of our beloved Archbishop, Francis Leo, in appreciating your years of generous service to the Church and STA parish. Your continuous self-gift has contributed immensely to sanctifying God's people and edifying our Lord's Reign of truth, life, holiness, grace, justice, love and peace. May God bless you abundantly!

## 2nd Collection for Indigenous Healing and Reconciliation Fund

Our Archbishop, Francis Leo writes: "I would also invite you to prayerfully consider supporting the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund (IRF) through a collection held in parishes on the weekend of October 5/6 next. The fund was established by the Bishops of Canada in 2022 as part of our communal and national reconciliation efforts ... I extend my gratitude to you for sharing your time, talent and treasure in abundance and so faithfully".

## Parish Bazaar/Flee Market

On Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> October, 9:30am-3pm, STA will have a Bazaar Flee Market to fundraise for ongoing parish renovations. If interested in donating new or gently used items (clothing, beddings, toys, games, bags, utensils, pots, musical instruments, etc.) please bring them to the sacristy or parish office on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> October, at the latest. Please note: we do NOT accept furniture! Thank you very much and may God bless you.

# ESTA SEMANA EN ST. TOMÁS AQUINO

Desde el Escritorio del Párroco

Queridos feligreses de la Parroquia STA, me pregunto si estáis familiarizados con la frase «Servus Servorum Dei», literalmente «Siervo de los Siervos de Dios». El Papa Gregorio I (I se pronuncia «el Primero») utilizó la expresión a finales de los siglos VI y VII para indicar que los que tienen autoridad están llamados a servir a los demás y no a sí mismos. En la lectura del Evangelio de este domingo 25 (Marcos 9.30-37), Jesús amonesta a sus discípulos, atrapados en la oscura red del poder, de la siguiente manera: «El que quiera ser el primero, que sea el último de todos y el servidor de todos». Feliz domingo y os deseo un buen comienzo de semana.

**Colecta de Alimentos de Acción de Gracias**  
Ayude a nuestra Parroquia a mostrar gratitud apoyando nuestra Colecta de Comida de Acción de Gracias! Estamos recolectando artículos no perecederos como pasta, atún, frijoles, espaguetis y sopa enlatada hasta el fin de semana de Acción de Gracias. Su generosidad hace una gran diferencia. ¡Gracias a todos!

**Gracias por su generosidad**  
*Colecta regular — 15 de septiembre de 2024 \$5,352.00*



¡Domingo sin papel! Por favor, apoye a su parroquia por donación en línea fácil que mantiene un registro de todo para fines de recibo de impuestos. ¡Gracias por su generosidad!

## **2ª Colecta para el Fondo de Sanación y Reconciliación Indígena**

Nuestro Arzobispo, Francis Leo, escribe: «Les invito también a considerar en oración la posibilidad de apoyar el Fondo de Reconciliación Indígena (IRF) a través de una colecta que se celebrará en las parroquias el fin de semana del 5/6 de octubre próximo. El fondo fue establecido

## **¡Gracias por ser un buen mayordomo!**

En este Domingo de la Corresponsabilidad, uno mi voz a la de nuestro querido Arzobispo, Francis Leo, para agradecer vuestros años de generoso servicio a la Iglesia y a la parroquia STA. Vuestra continua entrega ha contribuido inmensamente a santificar al pueblo de Dios y a edificar el Reino de nuestro Señor de verdad, vida, santidad, gracia, justicia, amor y paz. ¡Que Dios os bendiga abundantemente!

## **¡GRANDES NOTICIAS! EL ARZOBISPO LEO VISITA LA PARROQUIA DE STA**

Nuestro nuevo Arzobispo, Su Gracia Francis Leo visitará nuestra parroquia el domingo 1 de diciembre de 2024. Presidirá la misa solemne trilingüe a las 12pm, seguida de una recepción en el salón parroquial. Damos una calurosa bienvenida a nuestro Pastor principal, que desea conocer este fragmento de su rebaño. Mas información

## **Novena a San Miguel Arcángel.**

Nuestro Arzobispo Francis Leo invita a nuestros feligreses a participar en la Novena de este año al Santo patrón de nuestra Archidiócesis. Comenzará el viernes 20 y concluirá el sábado 28 de septiembre. Si puedes, acompáñanos todos los días al final de la Misa. Si no puedes estar físicamente presente, puedes acceder a las oraciones desde la página web de la Archidiócesis. Recemos juntos por la poderosa protección de San Miguel Arcángel.

## **Petición de Oración de los Peregrinos de la Parroquia a México:**

Del próximo sábado 21 al viernes 27 representantes de nuestra parroquia estarán visitando a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe en México. Por favor manténgalos a ellos y al Padre Patrick en sus oraciones. Gracias.

## **Bazar/Mercado Parroquial**

El sábado, 19 de octubre, 9:30 a 15:00, STA tendrá un Bazar-Mercado para recaudar fondos para las renovaciones en curso de la parroquia. Si está interesado en donar artículos nuevos o poco usados (ropa, ropa de cama, juguetes, juegos, bolsas, utensilios, ollas, instrumentos musicales, etc.) por favor tráigalos a la sacristía o a la oficina parroquial el viernes 11 de octubre a más tardar. Atención: ¡NO aceptamos muebles! Muchas gracias y que Dios os bendiga.

## **¡Días de la Juventud STA!**

El Grupo de Jóvenes STA se complace en anunciar ¡Días de la Juventud STA, un programa extraescolar para las edades 11-18! A partir de este mes de octubre, invitamos a los jóvenes a la diversión, la comida y la fe de martes a viernes, 3-7pm, por sólo \$15/mes. ¡Para obtener más información, correo electrónico [BAmino@archtoronto.org](mailto:BAmino@archtoronto.org) o echa un vistazo a lo que hacemos en nuestra página de Instagram en [@sta.youthministry!](https://www.instagram.com/sta.youthministry/) Regístrese ahora y escanear aquí ->





# ALL ABOUT FAITH

## September 23: St. Padre Pio



**Reflection:** Saint Padre Pio was born Francesco Forgione in Pietrelcina, Italy, a rural town of about 4,000 people. As a child, he was called Franci (Frankie). His parents were peasant farm laborers, and the children assisted with the work. Franci was the third of seven (or eight) children, two (or three) of whom died in

infancy, which was quite common at that time. The town centered around the local church of Saint Anna with continuous feasts, Masses, processions, novenas, and parish festivals. The main festival each year was in honor of their patroness, Our Lady of Deliverance, which lasted three days every August. After the day's work was completed, most evenings were spent with neighbors, eating macaroni, singing, telling stories, and playing in the fields.

*Prayer: Saint Padre Pio, you loved God with all your heart and bore the wounds of Christ on your body. Through you, many lives were converted, hearts healed, and sins forgiven. Please pray for me, that I will receive the healing I need so that I will more fully devote myself to the will of God and serve Him with all my might. Saint Pio of Pietrelcina, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You. —My Catholic Life*

### 40 Days for Life Toronto

Wednesday, September 25, 2024 07:00 AM -  
Sunday, November 03, 2024 07:00 PM  
811 Lawrence Ave. W., Toronto



Our mission is to organize a peaceful campaign of fasting and prayer for 40 consecutive days at 50 meters from an abortion facility where we will become a visible sign to protect life.

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## What Are Some Psalms Worth Memorizing For Different Occasions?



The psalms are the prayer book of the Church. For this reason, we do well not only to pray them regularly, but also to commit to memorizing them by heart so that “His praise will always be on my lips” (Ps 34:1). What follows is a small sampling of psalms worth learning for different occasions, following the numbering system employed by the NAB and RSV translations.

**For staying close to Christ:** Psalms 1 and 19 speak movingly of devotion to God's law and the precious fruits that this brings.

**For loving God in times of grief:** Psalm 34 is a gritty, heartfelt prayer of one who has suffered much, yet continues to praise the Lord and find peace in Him

[Read More](#)



## 3 Minute Retreat Faith Is Strength

2 Timothy 3:14

*But you, remain faithful to what you have learned and believed, because you know from whom you learned it.*

[English](#)

[Español](#)

# LIVING YOUR FAITH

## Faith or Works?



### Animated Story

#### [Children's Video](#)

## Summertime and the Praying is Easy. - Silent Ignatian Retreat for Men and Women

Friday, September 20, 2024 07:00 PM -

Sunday, September 22, 2024 01:30 PM

Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre, Pickering



1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. As we go camping, hiking, fishing, surfing—we can always encounter God. Prayer and Pleasure are complementary not competitive. It is not a question of When, How and Where—but as a sales slogan says, “Just do it.” Directed by Fr. Michael Coutts, SJ. Retreat begins Friday evening, arrival 7 p.m. and runs until Sunday with lunch. The suggested offering is \$260.00/person

#### [Check Event Here](#)

## Eucharist is way to “rebel” against evil: Pope to International Eucharistic Congress



“The lessons we can take in from the Holy Eucharist always surprise us,” Pope Francis said in a video message to the participants of the International Eucharistic Congress in Quito, Ecuador, which got underway on September 8 and will run through next Sunday. In his speech, he explained how the Eucharist can teach us to come together as brothers and sisters and allow us to grow united as one body in the Church. “Already the early Church Fathers told us that the sign of bread kindles in the People of God the desire for brotherhood, for just as bread cannot be kneaded from a single grain, so too must we walk together, for 'though we are many, we are one body, one bread,'” the Pope said.

#### [Read More](#)

## How Can I Know That It's Actually God's Voice?



How can you discern if the voice you're hearing is genuinely God's? How can you be sure it isn't just your own thoughts or even something deceptive? Fr. Mike offers insight into recognizing God's guidance by asking key questions: Does the voice contradict Scripture or the teachings of the Church? Who does the voice sound like, and what are the characteristics of God's voice?

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– *St. Ignatius of Antioch*

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